GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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SPORTS ACADEMIES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Sports Academies set up in the States including in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the functions of such Sports Academies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : The State Sports Academy Scheme envisages setting up State Sports Academy with joint funding by the Central Government, State Government/UT Administration and a Sponsor as a co-operative venture. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available talent in sports between the age group of 10-13 years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years, and to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

Although the Scheme is several years old, no sports academy has been set under this Scheme till date for want of viable proposals from the States. The Scheme is, therefore, being reconsidered. There are, however, various private academies working in some States.